

Appl. No.: 10/554,458  
Reply to Office action dated August 31, 2009  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Masahiko Kadokura  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2009 (Paper No. 20090813). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on November 30, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.